Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Officer Involved Shooting

Report Date: 07-24-2009	Bureau/Station/Facility: Lakewood Station	Admin. Invest.? ☐ Hit? ☐

Incident Information

URN: 009-18301-1337-051	Date: 07-24-2009	Time: 0215 hrs.
City or Station: Bellflower	Nature of Incident: Fleeing 245 suspect who previously fired handgun at a victim pointed a handgun at Deputies as he (suspect) was scaling a wall. Deputies fired shots at suspect.	
Location: [redacted] Woodruff Ave.		

Location Type (*circle one or more*): (Backyard — circled), Beach, Business, Freeway, Industrial, Park, Parking Lot, Residence, Rural, School, Street, Other: ______

Lighting (*circle only one*): (Darkness — circled), Daylight, Other, Street Lights

Weather (*circle only one*): (Clear — circled), Cloudy, Fog, Rain

Distance: 30'

Incident Type (*circle one or more*): Accidental, (Armed Person — circled), Fleeing Suspect, Foot Pursuit, Gun Take Away, Moving Vehicle, Sniper/Ambush, Startle, Struggle Involved, Traffic Stop, Unarmed Person, Unintentional, Vehicle Pursuit, Warrant Service, Warning Shot, Other: ______

Initiated by (*circle only one*): Arrest Warrant, (Call — circled), Observation, One Person Unit, Other, Search Warrant, Two Person Unit

Prior Activity (*circle only one*): Detective, Inmate Transport, Other, (Routine Patrol — circled)

Aero Unit? ☒ Canine Unit? ☒

Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy	Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect
1+6=7	0

Employee Witnesses

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (*circle only one*)	ShiftType (*circle only one*)
	None			EM PM Day	Regular Overtime Off Duty
				EM PM Day	Regular Overtime Off Duty
				EM PM Day	Regular Overtime Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name		First Name		M.I.
None				
Street Address	**City**	**Zip Code**	**Work Ph**	**Home Ph**
Last Name		**First Name**		**M.I.**
Street Address	**City**	**Zip Code**	**Work Ph**	**Home Ph**
Last Name		**First Name**		**M.I.**
Street Address	**City**	**Zip Code**	**Work Ph**	**Home Ph**

Supervisors

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I	(*circle one or more*)
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	(On Duty — circled), Present during shooting, Witness to shooting, Involved in shooting
[redacted]	Gillespie	Daniel	J.	(On Duty — circled), Present during shooting, Witness to shooting, Involved in shooting

Watch Sergeant

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Camarillo	Dana	L.

Watch Commander

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Dinh	Minh	G.

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Rollout Information

Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Date Submitted	Date of Recommendation
07-24-2009	0330	06-16-2010	

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I
[redacted]	Hill	Scott	G.
[redacted]	Maldonado	Al	M.
[redacted]	Brickert	Scott	J.

Shooting / Force Information

Method

- (AW) Arwen
- (BC) Baton:(Control)
- (BI) Baton:(Impact)
- (BF) Bodily Fluids
- (CN) Canine
- (CR) Carotid Restraint
- (CH) Choke Hold
- (CT) Control Holds:(Control Techniques)
- (TT) Control Holds:(Team Takedown)
- (TD) Control Holds:(Takedown)
- (CE) Chemical
- (OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
- (TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
- (EX) Explosives
- (FH) Firearm (Handgun)
- (FR) Firearm (Rifle)
- (FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
- (FO) Firearm (Other)
- (FB) Flashbang
- (FL) Flashlight
- (OE) Other Weapon: Edged
- (OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
- (OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
- (OO) Other Weapon: Other
- (PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
- (PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
- (PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
- (PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
- (PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
- (RS) Resistance
- (CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
- (RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
- (HB) Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
- (TP) Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
- (RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
- (SP) Sap
- (SH) Shield
- (SG) 37mm Stinger
- (SB) Sting Ball
- (ST) Stun Bag
- (TR) Taser
- (UC) Uncooperative

Brand

- (AK) AK-47
- (BN) Benelli
- (BR) Beretta
- (BW) Browning
- (CH) Charter Arms
- (CO) Colt
- (DA) Davis Industries
- (GL) Glock
- (HA) Harrington & Richardson
- (HI) Hi Standard
- (HK) H & K
- (IT) Ithica
- (IV) Iver Johnson
- (JE) Jennings
- (LO) Lorcin
- (LU) Luger
- (MA) Marlin
- (MO) Mossberg
- (NC) NCI aka SKS
- (NA) North American
- (NO) Norinco
- (RA) Raven
- (RM) Remington
- (RG) RG
- (RI) RGI
- (RO) Rossi
- (SW) Smith & Wesson
- (SR) Sturm Ruger
- (ST) Sterling
- (TA) Taurus
- (WE) Weatherby
- (WN) Winchester
- (US) US Government
- (YY) Handmade (Inmate)
- (XX) Homemade (Non-Inmate)
- (ZZ) Other Brand

Type of Injury

- (AB) Abrasion
- (BR) Bruise
- (BU) Burn
- (CP) Complaint of Pain
- (CO) Concussion
- (DH) Death
- (DI) Dislocation
- (DB) Dog Bite
- (FR) Fractures
- (GS) Gunshot
- (HB) Human Bite
- (LC) Lacerations
- (ND) Nerve Damage
- (OD) Organ Damage
- (PA) Paralysis
- (PW) Puncture Wound
- (SD) Soft Tissue Damage
- (ST) Sprain/Twists
- (UN) Unconscious
- (RM) Refused Med Treatment
- (NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

- (AD) Abdomen
- (AK) Ankle
- (AR) Arm
- (BK) Back
- (BT) Buttocks
- (CH) Chest
- (EL) Elbow
- (FA) Face
- (FE) Feet
- (FI) Fingers
- (GE) Genitals
- (GR) Groin
- (HD) Hand
- (HE) Head
- (HI) Hip
- (IN) Internal
- (KN) Knees
- (LE) Leg
- (NK) Neck
- (SH) Shoulder
- (WR) Wrist

Caliber

- (9) 9 mm
- (10) 10 mm
- (12) 12 guage
- (20) 20 guage
- (21) .22-250
- (22) .22 caliber
- (23) .223 caliber
- (24) .243 caliber
- (25) .25 caliber
- (30) .308 caliber
- (35) .357 caliber
- (36) 30-60 caliber
- (38) .38 caliber
- (40) .40 caliber
- (41) .410 guage
- (44) .44 caliber
- (45) .45 caliber
- (50) 50 mm
- (SL) Slug
- (WW) Other caliber

FORCE APPLIED *(one code per block)*

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
E1	S1	FH	BR	9	Y	Y	NN	
E2	S1	FH	BR	9	Y	Y	NN	

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Officer Involved Shooting
Involved Employee Information

URN: 009-18301-1337-051

Involved Employee

E 1

Field	Value
Employee #	[redacted]
Last Name	Alvarado
First Name	Benjamin
M.I.	J.
Sex	M
Race	H
Rank	Deputy Sheriff
Unit Assignment	LKD
Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)	134
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): EM PM Day	EM (circled)
ShiftType (*circle only one*): Regular Overtime Off Duty	Regular (circled)
Intoxication/Drug Usage?	☐
Substance Used	
Hospital Admission?	☐
Hospital Name	
Coroner Case?	☐
Coroner Case #	
Interviewed?	☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting	8
Duty Time (hrs)	[redacted]
Clothing (*circle only one*): Plain Clothes no Vest / Raid Jacket w/ Vest / Plain Clothes w/ Vest / Uniform no Vest / Raid Jacket no Vest / Uniform w/ Vest	Uniform w/ Vest (circled)
Other Factors	
Age	27
Height	5'05"
Weight	180
Range Qualification Date	[redacted]
PPC Qualification Date	[redacted]
Laser Training Date	[redacted]
Certified with Weapon Used?	[redacted]
Patrol Certification?	[redacted]
Certification Unit	[redacted]
Prior Shootings?	[redacted]
Number of Prior Shootings	[redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp # / Last Name / First Name / M.I.	[redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp # / Last Name / First Name / M.I.	[redacted]

E 2

Field	Value
Employee #	[redacted]
Last Name	Espinosa
First Name	Michael
M.I.	J.
Sex	M
Race	H
Rank	Deputy Sheriff
Unit Assignment	LKD
Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)	133F
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): EM PM Day	PM (circled)
ShiftType (*circle only one*): Regular Overtime Off Duty	Regular (circled)
Intoxication/Drug Usage?	☐
Substance Used	
Hospital Admission?	☐
Hospital Name	
Coroner Case?	☐
Coroner Case #	
Interviewed?	☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting	6-8
Duty Time (hrs)	[redacted]
Clothing (*circle only one*): Plain Clothes no Vest / Raid Jacket w/ Vest / Plain Clothes w/ Vest / Uniform no Vest / Raid Jacket no Vest / Uniform w/ Vest	Uniform w/ Vest (circled)
Other Factors	
Age	5'08"
Height	185
Weight	
Range Qualification Date	[redacted]
PPC Qualification Date	[redacted]
Laser Training Date	[redacted]
Certified with Weapon Used?	[redacted]
Patrol Certification?	[redacted]
Certification Unit	[redacted]
Prior Shootings?	[redacted]
Number of Prior Shootings	[redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp # / Last Name / First Name / M.I.	[redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp # / Last Name / First Name / M.I.	[redacted]

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Field	Value
Employee #	
Last Name	
First Name	
M.I.	
Sex	
Race	
Rank	
Unit Assignment	
Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)	
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): EM PM Day	
ShiftType (*circle only one*): Regular Overtime Off Duty	
Intoxication/Drug Usage?	☐
Substance Used	
Hospital Admission?	☐
Hospital Name	
Coroner Case?	☐
Coroner Case #	
Interviewed?	☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting	
Duty Time (hrs)	
Clothing (*circle only one*): Plain Clothes no Vest / Raid Jacket w/ Vest / Plain Clothes w/ Vest / Uniform no Vest / Raid Jacket no Vest / Uniform w/ Vest	
Other Factors	
Age	
Height	
Weight	
Range Qualification Date	
PPC Qualification Date	
Laser Training Date	
Certified with Weapon Used?	☐
Patrol Certification?	☐
Certification Unit	
Prior Shootings?	☐
Number of Prior Shootings	
Field Training Officer Emp # / Last Name / First Name / M.I.	
Field Training Officer Emp # / Last Name / First Name / M.I.	

Officer Involved Shooting
Suspect Information

Suspect Information

S 1

Field	Value
Last Name	Hidalgo
First Name	Raul
M.I.	R.
AKA Last Name	None
First Name	
M.I.	
Sex	M
Race	H
Street Address	[redacted]
City	[redacted]
State & Zip Code	[redacted]
Work Phone	[redacted]
Home Phone	[redacted]
Social Security #	[redacted]
Driver's License #	[redacted]
Age	19
D.O.B.	11-03-89
Height	5'07"
Weight	135
FBI #	[redacted]
CII #	[redacted]
Booking #	1993888
Primary Charge	245(D)(1)PC
Secondary Charge	
Coroner Case?	☐
Coroner Case #	
Intoxication/Drug Usage?	☐
Substance Used	
Armed?	☒
Apprehended?	☒
Mental Illness?	☐
Criminal History?	☒
Vehicle Make	None
Model	
Year	

S 2

Field	Value
Last Name	Gonzalez
First Name	Charles
M.I.	R.
AKA Last Name	Moniker "Dro"
First Name	
M.I.	
Sex	M
Race	H
Street Address	[redacted]
City	[redacted]
State & Zip Code	[redacted]
Work Phone	[redacted]
Home Phone	[redacted]
Social Security #	[redacted]
Driver's License #	[redacted]
Age	20
D.O.B.	12-20-88
Height	6'02"
Weight	260
FBI #	[redacted]
CII #	[redacted]
Booking #	1993887
Primary Charge	245(D)(1)PC
Secondary Charge	
Coroner Case?	☐
Coroner Case #	
Intoxication/Drug Usage?	☐
Substance Used	
Armed?	☒
Apprehended?	☒
Mental Illness?	☐
Criminal History?	☒
Vehicle Make	None
Model	
Year	

S ___

Field	Value
Last Name	
First Name	
M.I.	
AKA Last Name	
First Name	
M.I.	
Sex	
Race	
Street Address	
City	
State & Zip Code	
Work Phone	
Home Phone	
Social Security #	
Driver's License #	
Age	
D.O.B.	
Height	
Weight	
FBI #	
CII #	
Booking #	
Primary Charge	
Secondary Charge	
Coroner Case?	☐
Coroner Case #	
Intoxication/Drug Usage?	☐
Substance Used	
Armed?	☐
Apprehended?	☐
Mental Illness?	☐
Criminal History?	☐
Vehicle Make	
Model	
Year	

S ___

Field	Value
Last Name	
First Name	
M.I.	
AKA Last Name	
First Name	
M.I.	
Sex	
Race	
Street Address	
City	
State & Zip Code	
Work Phone	
Home Phone	
Social Security #	
Driver's License #	
Age	
D.O.B.	
Height	
Weight	
FBI #	
CII #	
Booking #	
Primary Charge	
Secondary Charge	
Coroner Case?	☐
Coroner Case #	
Intoxication/Drug Usage?	☐
Substance Used	
Armed?	☐
Apprehended?	☐
Mental Illness?	☐
Criminal History?	☐
Vehicle Make	
Model	
Year	

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INVESTIGATIVE NARRATIVE

DEPUTY INVOLVED NON-HIT SHOOTING
IAB # SH 2249118
URN #009-18301-1337-051

INVOLVED EMPLOYEES:

ALVARADO, Benjamin J., #[redacted]
Field Operations Region 3 - Lakewood Station
Date of Employment: 07-14-2005
Date assigned to Patrol: [redacted]
Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s): [redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents(s): [redacted]

ESPINOSA, Michael J., #[redacted]
Field Operations Region 3 - Lakewood Station
Date of Employment: 01-05-2005
Date assigned to Patrol: [redacted]
Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s): [redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents(s): [redacted]

SUSPECTS:

HIDALGO, Raul R., MH/19, DOB 11-03-1989, Bkg. #1993888

GONZALEZ, Charles R., MH/20, DOB 12-20-1988, Bkg. #1993887

DATE & TIME: July 24, 2009, 0155 hours

LOCATION: [redacted], Bellflower, CA, 90706

INVESTIGATOR: Sergeant Scott Hill, #[redacted]

Synopsis:

On Friday, July 24, 2009, Lakewood Station Deputies responded to a report of an assault with a deadly weapon at [redacted], Bellflower (Refer to Exhibit "C" Photograph "A" and Exhibit "I" the Incident History, Tag #51). For further information regarding the nature of the call, refer to the incident report written under file number 009-18301-1337-051, Exhibit "A."

Upon their arrival Deputy Errol Payne, #[redacted], established a containment and began a systematic search for the two suspects, Raul Hidalgo and Charles Gonzalez. Deputies Espinoza and Alvarado began searching, on foot, a parking lot adjacent to an apartment complex north/east of the initial crime scene, [redacted] Woodruff Ave., (Refer to Exhibit "C" Photograph "B").

After completing their search of the parking lot, Deputies Espinoza and Alvarado heard noises consistent with someone attempting to scale a fence located immediately to their north (Refer to Exhibit "C" Photograph "D"). The deputies turned and observed one individual (Suspect Gonzalez) and then another (Suspect Hidalgo) scaling a wood and concrete fence, refer to Exhibit "C" Photograph "B & E." As Suspect Hidalgo straddled the fence, both deputies observed that he was armed with a handgun. Deputy Espinosa yelled, "Gun." Deputy Alvarado ordered Suspect Hidalgo to show his hands. Suspect Hidalgo pointed the weapon at the deputies.

Deputies Espinoza and Alvarado, in fear of their lives, fired their Department issued sidearms at Suspect Hidalgo. Both suspects, apparently uninjured, ran west through the courtyard at [redacted] [redacted].

> **IAB Note:** Suspect Gonzalez was identified by witnesses as the suspect who was armed during the initial 245 PC, not Suspect Hidalgo.

Canine Services Detail and a Special Weapons Team were requested and responded to the location. An extensive search of the area was conducted and Suspects Gonzalez and Hidalgo were eventually located hiding in a small house located at [redacted]., Unit [redacted] (Refer to Exhibit "C" Photograph "J, K, & L"). It was later established that Unit [redacted] is Suspect Hidalgo's residence. Suspect Hidalgo's revolver was located a short distance away where he had apparently unloaded it and secreted it under Unit [redacted] (Refer to Exhibit "C" Photographs J, K, & L).

Suspect Bridgeforth was later apprehended as a lookout at another location within the containment but was not charged with any crime by the District Attorney.

Criminal History:

Raul R. Hidalgo, Bkg. #1993888, Refer to Exhibit "E."

Charles R. Gonzalez, Bkg. #1993887, Refer to Exhibit "F."

Injuries:

Civilian

Suspect Raul R. Hidalgo

Suspect Hidalgo was transported to Tri-City Regional Medical Center for medical treatment. He suffered a laceration to his left-hand requiring seven sutures. Suspect Hidalgo suffered his injury as a result of striking the driver's side window of Victim [redacted] Ford Mustang. Refer to the Supplemental report (Exhibit "B") written by Detective Daniel R. Morris for further details.

Sworn

None

Physical Evidence:

The following evidence items were collected and submitted for examination under laboratory receipt number K100500:

- One lead fragment recovered from the driver's side floorboard of the Chevrolet Tahoe.
- One fired bullet jacket recovered from the rear cargo area of the Chevrolet Tahoe
- One lead fragment recovered from the parking lot of [redacted] Woodruff Ave.
- One fired bullet jacket fragment recovered from the parking lot of [redacted] Woodruff Ave.

The following evidence items were released to Senior Criminalist Manual Munoz, #[redacted], at the scene by Deputy Mario Cortez of the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department Scientific Services Bureau, and assigned laboratory receipt number K100501:

- One 357-Magnum caliber cartridge.
- One Smith and Wesson 357 Magnum caliber, model 65-4 double action revolver with serial number BES[redacted], refer to Exhibit "C" Photograph "L."
- Three fired 357 Magnum caliber cartridge cases. These cartridge casings were collected from the rear area of Apartment [redacted], located at [redacted]. Refer to Exhibit "C" Photograph "J."

Photographic Evidence:

Refer to Exhibit "D."

Weapon Used by Deputy Personnel:

Deputy Benjamin J. Alvarado

Service Weapon:	Beretta, model 92FS, semiautomatic pistol, serial number BER[redacted]
Ammunition:	9mm Luger
Shell Casings:	six
Date Employee Last Qualified:	[redacted]
Date Last Trained with Weapon:	[redacted]

Deputy Alvarado's weapon was examined by Senior Criminalist Manuel Munoz, #[redacted] The weapon was test fired, and found to be functional and within Department standards. The test was conducted by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Scientific Services Bureau, Firearms Identification Section, under lab receipt No. K100503.

Deputy Michael J. Espinosa

Service Weapon:	Beretta, model 92FS, semiautomatic pistol, serial number BER[redacted]
Ammunition:	9mm Luger
Shell Casings:	one
Date Employee Last Qualified:	[redacted]
Date Last Trained with Weapon:	[redacted]

Deputy Espinosa's weapon was examined by Senior Criminalist Manuel Munoz, #[redacted]. The weapon was test fired, and found to be functional and within Department standards. The test was conducted by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Scientific Services Bureau, Firearms Identification Section, under lab receipt No. K100503.

Weapon Used by Suspect:

Smith and Wesson 357 Magnum caliber, model 65-4, double action revolver with serial number BES[redacted], refer to Exhibit "C" Photograph "L."

Property Damage:

The following bullet holes and impacts were observed.

- One bullet hole in a Chevrolet Tahoe's windshield. The bullet perforated the windshield and proceeded to impact the dashboard. The bullet traveled in a southeast and downward direction.

- One bullet impact to a block wall, located along the north property line at [redacted] Woodruff Ave. The bullet traveled in a northbound direction. No further trajectory could be determined

- One bullet hole in a wood fence just north of the block wall at [redacted] Woodruff Ave. The bullet perforated the wood fence in a northbound and upward direction.

- One bullet hole in the carport's eave at space number [redacted] of residence [redacted]. This bullet penetrated the eave in a northeast and upward direction.

Criminal Investigation/Charges Filed:

As a result of this incident, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office charged Raul Hidalgo with one count of 459 PC, one count of 186.22 PC, and one count of 12022(A)(1) PC. Suspect Hidalgo was sentenced to two years in state prison, refer to case # VA111532.

Charles Gonzalez was charged with one count of 459 PC, one count of 186.22 PC, one count of 12022(a)(1) PC, one count of 245(b) PC, and one count of 12022.5 PC. Suspect Gonzalez was sentenced to six years in state prison, refer to case # VA111532.

Lighting and Weather Conditions:

The shooting occurred during the early morning hours, it was dark, limited lighting, little moonlight. July 22, 2009, was the beginning of a new moon. So on July 24th, there was very little moonlight. The weather was clear.

Involved Employee Statements:

Deputy Benjamin J. Alvarado, #[redacted]

Deputy Alvarado was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Scott Hill and Al Maldonado on May 4, 2010, at 1057 hours. The interview was digitally audio recorded. The narrative which follows is intended only as a synopsis of the IAB interview. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing Deputy Alvarado's digitally recorded interview.

On July 24, 2009, Deputy Alvarado had been employed by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for three years. He was working unit 134, in the City of Artesia. The unit was a one person unit. Upon monitoring an assault with a deadly weapon radio call, Deputy Alvarado said he thought to himself;

> At first I wasn't responding, because they said the suspect was already last seen I believe going northbound Cornuta Ave. toward Alondra Blvd. No last [seen] direction after that. The handling unit got there. I said, "Hey, you know what, the suspect is probably still in the area, hiding out."

Deputy Alvarado responded and Deputy Payne (the handling unit) assigned him a containment position at Woodruff Ave. and Midway St. (Refer to "Exhibit C" Photograph "A"). Deputy Alvarado stated Deputy Espinosa contacted him via "L-Tac" and Deputy Alvarado met Deputy Espinosa in front of [redacted] Woodruff Ave. Deputy Espinosa told Deputy Alvarado that he heard "Movement along a wall or along a wooden fence or something like that." When he(Espinosa) was parked on the first street/driveway east of [redacted], south of [redacted]. Deputies Alvarado and Espinosa decided to search the property at [redacted] Woodruff Ave. An assault with a deadly weapon crime broadcast had already been broadcast describing the suspects and the fact that a firearm was involved in the crime.

Deputy Alvarado stated neither he nor Deputy Espinosa discussed any tactics prior to searching the property. Deputy Alvarado stated he thought Deputy Espinosa advised, the other units in the containment via L-Tac that they were going to clear the property.

> **IAB Note:** A review of "L-Tac" did not substantiate Deputy Alvarado's belief that they advised other units of their intention to search the property.

The deputies walked westbound down a long driveway (approximately 50-75 yards) toward the back of the property, refer to Exhibit "C" Photograph "B." When they reached the end of the driveway, Deputy Alvarado stated they cleared a laundry room and a pool area located on the north side of the property's parking lot. After clearing these areas, the deputies cleared the parking lot, going counter clockwise. As they cleared the parking lot, both deputies had their weapons drawn. As one deputy searched, the other covered him. Deputy Alvarado stated it was dark, and there were no lights in the parking lot.

After spending approximately five to ten minutes clearing the parking lot, both deputies holstered their weapons and began walking back toward Woodruff Ave. Deputy Alvarado stated he heard something by the wooden fence, located just north of the pool. Both deputies turned and looked toward the wooden fence. "We probably saw them (the suspects) around the same, because the guy, we saw one head pop up, which [was] the guy wearing the black shirt . . . matching the suspect description." The second suspect (Hidalgo) followed right behind the first and was closer to the deputies. "I think when he jumped over, his head was basically facing north. His body was facing south. Like a tumble roll I guess is that what you call it. He was laying over that (the fence) and then with this right hand, is basically pointing in our direction. I see a black handgun in his right hand." Refer to Exhibit "C" Photograph "G."

After the suspect (Hidalgo) said, "Shit." Deputy Alvarado knew the suspect had seen them. Deputy Alvarado said, "Let me see your hands." He (Alvarado) said Deputy Espinosa also said something similar. "Fearing that he's going to fire at us, we fired at him. He rolled over [from the fence] quick." Deputy Alvarado saw both suspects run westbound through the courtyard, Refer to Exhibit "C" Photograph "D." Because both suspects ran, Deputy Alvarado wasn't sure if they had wounded the suspect. Deputy Alvarado did not use his flashlight. Deputy Espinosa stated he illuminated Suspect Hidalgo with his flashlight as he pointed and fired his weapon.

Just prior to the shooting, Deputy Alvarado stated Deputy Espinosa was standing in front of him. Deputy Alvarado stated he believes Deputy Espinosa fired first, but the shots were almost simultaneous. Because Deputy Espinosa had moved into his line of fire, Deputy Alvarado only fired one round. Deputy Alvarado stated he didn't think Deputy Espinosa knew he had crossed into his (Alvarado's) line of fire. Because the incident occurred so quickly, Deputy Alvarado stated he did not have time to reposition himself and fire again.

After the shooting, Deputy Alvarado pointed out to Deputy Espinosa that he (Espinosa) crossed into his line of fire. In response Deputy Espinosa commented to Deputy Alvarado, "Dude, that could have gone bad."

Deputy Alvarado stated his backdrop was, "Open air and then there was this building wall that's right here." Refer to Exhibit "C" Photograph "G."

IAB Note: Deputy Alvarado [redacted]

After the shooting Deputy Alvarado and his partner, "aggressed forward" toward the cinder block wall, Refer to Exhibit "C" Photograph "C." Then they made "a tactical retreat" to a tree adjacent to the cinder block wall Refer to Exhibit "C" Photograph "C." Deputy Espinosa broadcast via his handheld radio that they had just been involved in a shooting. After making the broadcast, both deputies retreated back to Woodruff Ave., and awaited additional units.

When Lt. Dinh and [redacted] arrived, Deputies Alvarado and Espinosa briefed them. Deputies Alvarado and Espinosa along with Lt. Dinh and [redacted] returned to the scene of the shooting to ensure the suspects didn't backtrack. Deputy Alvarado could not recall who made the decision to return to the scene of the shooting.

Deputy Michael J. Espinosa, #[redacted]

Deputy Espinosa was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Scott Hill and Al Maldonado on May 4, 2010, at 1008 hours. The interview was digitally audio recorded. The narrative which follows is intended only as a synopsis of the IAB interview. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing Deputy Espinosa's recorded interview.

On July 24, 2009, Deputy Espinosa had been employed by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for two years. He was working unit 133F, in the City of Bellflower. The unit was a one person unit.

Deputy Espinosa responded to an assault with a deadly weapon (handgun) call on Cornuta Street, Tag #51, Refer to Exhibit "I." He knew shot(s) had been fired by the suspect(s). He drove to Cornuta Street and began looking for the suspects. From there, Deputy Espinosa drove to the first street/driveway east of [redacted], south of [redacted]., Refer to Exhibit "C" Photograph "A." The street/driveway is a dead-end. Just south of where the street/driveway ends, is the housing complex where both suspects were subsequently arrested.

> **IAB Note:** The street Deputy Espinosa drove down is not identified in either Google Maps, or Mapquest.

While parked there, monitoring foot traffic, Deputy Espinosa stated he heard something east of his location. He described the noise as, "Movement along a wall or along a wooden fence or something like that." The area where the sound emanated was close to the same wooden fence the suspects scaled when the shooting occurred.

Apparently after assaulting Mr. [redacted] at [redacted]., both suspects ran from the crime scene northbound on Cornuta Ave., to a courtyard apartment complex at [redacted] [redacted]. They entered the courtyard and ran eastbound to a wooden fence.

> **IAB Note:** This fence is in the same the area Deputy Espinosa described when he stated he heard a noise consistent with someone scaling a wooden fence.

They scaled the fence, hid in another parking lot at [redacted]., then decided to climb back over the fence and return to the courtyard apartment complex where they hid in unit [redacted]

Unsure of what the noise was and wanting to investigate further, Deputy Espinosa drove to [redacted] Woodruff Ave. and requested another unit to help him search the area. The aforementioned wooden fence is on this property. Deputy Alvarado responded.

Deputy Espinosa was asked if he notified the handling unit that he ad Deputy Alvarado were going to search the property at [redacted] Woodruff Ave. Deputy Espinosa said, "Not that I recall." Deputy Espinosa described the containment as a "make-shift containment." He said;

> It wasn't a solid, established containment where anybody was specifically assigned and where we had a command post set up, like we typically do. It was more they might be in the area, let's put some cars here and there and you know, let's see what we come up with, was my opinion of the containment.

Both deputies walked down the property's driveway to a parking lot, Refer to Exhibit "C" Photograph "C." Deputy Espinosa stated he and Deputy Alvarado remained close to the cinder block wall as they walked down the driveway. He stated neither he nor Deputy Alvarado discussed what they were going to do should they find the suspects.

Deputy Espinosa stated they cleared the parking lot, one vehicle at a time. Deputy Espinosa said;

> Seeing that there were no people in the area, no suspects or witness or anything in the area we began walking eastbound [to exit the parking lot]. I began hearing a noise again and saw two people pop up over a wooden fence, Refer to Exhibit "C" Photograph "B & E."
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> **IAB Note:** Photograph "B" is another parking lot, just north of the parking lot the deputies searched. This is the parking lot the suspects entered when Deputy Espinosa heard them scaling the fence earlier.

Deputy Espinosa described the suspect's actions as those of somebody giving a quick look over a fence before jumping over it. Deputy Espinosa didn't feel the suspect's were surveying the area, looking for their pursuers, but simply looking for an escape route.

Deputy Espinosa said;

> The first to be up on the wall was a male Hispanic in a dark shirt (Gonzales) and I'd say maybe eighteen to twenty-two, twenty-five [years old]. The second was a male (Hidalgo) wearing a white shirt, and he began jumping the fence westbound. At which point he straddled the fence, facing in a south direction. I saw what I believed was a dark handgun, semiautomatic handgun in his right hand. At that point I yelled out, "Gun." and the suspect, Hidalgo, looked directly at myself and Alvarado and had the gun pointed in our direction . . .
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> My opinion is he's going to fire at anybody he sees that maybe any sort of threat or a threat to him or his chances of getting away . . .
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> [He] said, "Oh shit." Believing that he was possibly going to fire at me or Deputy Alvarado and fearing for our safety and our lives, I fired approximately, I fired six shots . . . and advanced in a north easterly direction. Deputy Alvarado had shot fairly simultaneously with me. I began advancing toward the cinder block wall, to gain cover. Deputy Alvarado was "slightly behind me [and] to my left [when I finished firing].

Deputy Espinosa stated he fired his six rounds in two groups of three rounds. He stated he held his flashlight beside his weapon illuminating Suspect Hidalgo. He stated his backdrop was open air. Deputy Espinosa stated he stopped firing because "Hidalgo had completed his transition from one property to another, and I no longer had a visual of his threat, which was the handgun." Deputy Espinosa could not recall giving the suspect(s) any type of verbal commands prior to firing his weapon.

After firing, Deputy Espinosa stated Suspect Hidalgo, "rolled" over the fence. Deputy Espinosa could only see the top of Suspect Hidalgo's head moving westbound away from the fence, refer to Exhibit "C" Photograph "D."

Deputy Espinosa said, "At that point I had broadcast that myself and Deputy Alvarado had been involved in a shooting, stating 998, and began setting up a containment. We put out the exact location, which I believe was [redacted] Woodruff Ave." Immediately after the 998 broadcast, both deputies ran eastbound down the driveway toward Woodruff Ave.

> **IAB Note:** July 22, 2009, was the beginning of a new moon. So on July 24th, there was very little moonlight.

Sworn Witness Statements:

There were no sworn witnesses to the shooting.

Civilian Witness Statements:

There were no civilian witnesses to the shooting.

Suspect Statements:

Raul R. Hidalgo, Bkg. #1993888

Suspect Raul R. Hidalgo was interviewed by OSS Detectives Stacy B. Morgan, #[redacted] and Daniel R. Morris, #[redacted], on July 24, 2009, at Lakewood Station. The interview was digitally audio recorded. The narrative which follows is intended only as a synopsis of the OSS interview. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing Suspect Hidalgo's recorded interview.

Suspect Hidalgo stated he, "Charles" (Suspect Gonzalez) and a person he had met earlier in the evening (Suspect Bridgeforth) were walking [redacted]bound Cornuta Avenue from Alondra Blvd.

Suspect Hidalgo stated he knows Suspect Gonzalez is an 18th street gang member with a moniker of "Oro." Suspect Hidalgo stated the first time he met Suspect Bridgeforth was on Thursday night (07-23-09). Suspect Hidalgo stated he knows Suspect Bridgeforth is an 18th street gang member because Suspect Bridgeforth greeted him with "18th Street South Side." Additionally, Suspect Hidalgo stated he heard Suspect Bridgeforth's moniker but could not remember what it was but believes it starts with an "S."

Suspect Hidalgo stated they saw a black Ford Mustang belonging to Victim [redacted]. Suspect Hidalgo stated Suspect Gonzalez has a problem with the owner of the vehicle. Suspect Hidalgo stated he punched the drivers side window with his left hand breaking the glass. Suspect Hidalgo stated he immediately felt pain to his left hand and saw that it was bleeding profusely. Suspect Hidalgo stated he ran to [redacted]. ([redacted]) in order to treat his wounded hand. Suspect Hidalgo stated his [redacted] [redacted] wrapped his hand with a purple shirt. Suspect Hidalgo stated the shirt looked dark when it became soaked in his blood.

Suspect Hidalgo stated while [redacted] was wrapping his hand, he heard several gunshots coming from Cornuta Avenue. Suspect Hidalgo stated he became scarred because he believed Suspect Gonzalez had probably killed somebody. Suspect Hidalgo stated he believed if Suspect Gonzalez fired the gun it was to kill. This is based on conversations he has had with Suspect Gonzalez and his beliefs in the 18th Street criminal street gang. Suspect Hidalgo stated shortly after the shooting, Suspect Gonzalez and Suspect Bridgeforth ran to his apartment complex.

Suspect Hidalgo stated he, Suspect Gonzalez and Suspect Bridgeforth ran eastbound through the apartment complex to the rear of Apartment [redacted] Suspect Hidalgo stated Suspect Gonzalez removed the bullets and expended rounds from the revolver and placed them in his (Suspect Gonzalez's) shirt. Suspect Hidalgo stated Suspect Gonzalez handed him the gun and placed the shell casings on the wall.

At this point, Suspect Hidalgo stated he saw lights flashing into the apartment complex. Believing the police were going to search the area, Suspect Hidalgo stated he handed the gun back to Suspect Gonzalez. Suspect Hidalgo stated Suspect Gonzalez placed the gun under the crawl space to Apartment [redacted] after which all three of them ran eastbound to the [redacted] east corner of the apartment complex. Suspect Hidalgo stated he and Suspect Gonzalez went over the wall into the parking lot of [redacted]. Suspect Hidalgo stated this was the last time he saw Suspect Bridgeforth.

Suspect Hidalgo stated he and Suspect Gonzalez hid in the parking lot for a period of time. Suspect Hidalgo stated he and Suspect Gonzalez were going back over the wall from east to west when deputies tried to detain them. Suspect Hidalgo stated they went over the wall north of where they had first gone over the wall. Suspect Hidalgo stated as they were going over the wall he saw the light from a flashlight pointed in his direction, at the same time he stated he heard deputies tell him to freeze. Detective Morgan asked Suspect Hidalgo if he knew that the people telling him to stop were deputies. Suspect Hidalgo stated he knew it was Deputies trying to stop him but he ran because he knew he had a no-bail warrant for his arrest.

Detective Morgan asked Suspect Hidalgo to describe exactly how he climbed over the fence. Suspect Hidalgo stated he used both hands to pull himself onto the top of the fence. Suspect Hidalgo stated he then put his right foot on top of the fence and was bringing his left foot to the top of the fence. Suspect Hidalgo stated as his left foot was coming up to the top of the fence, he lifted his left hand up toward the Deputies in order to position his feet in preparation to jump off the fence into the rear courtyard of his apartment complex. It should be noted, Detective Morgan had Suspect Hidalgo demonstrate how he went over the fence using a chair in the interview room. During the re-enactment, Suspect Hidalgo's left arm came up and pointed toward where the Deputies would have been standing. When Suspect Hidalgo was climbing over the fence, he said his left hand (particularly the thumb) was wrapped in a purple shirt which was soaked in his blood. Detective Morgan asked Suspect Hidalgo to describe how his thumb was wrapped. Suspect Hidalgo described most of the shirt being wrapped around his thumb with a portion of the shirt wrapped around his hand for him to hold onto. Suspect Hidalgo also stated the shirt was twisted around his thumb causing the shirt to protrude straight out from the tip of his thumb.

Suspect Hidalgo acknowledged that the way in which he was holding his shirt could be misconstrued as the barrel of a firearm. Suspect Hidalgo stated after the Deputies shot at him, he and Suspect Gonzalez ran westbound through the apartment complex to Suspect Hidalgo's residence ([redacted] #[redacted]).

Suspect Hidalgo denied having a gun in his hand when he was climbing over the fence. Suspect Hidalgo was adamant the gun was placed under the house prior to his being shot at by deputies. Suspect Hidalgo acknowledged that his left hand pointed toward the deputies, his hand was wrapped up and bulky and he did not comply with the Deputies orders. Additionally, Suspect Hidalgo stated he did yell "shit" when the Deputies told him to stop. Suspect Hidalgo stated he and Suspect Gonzalez hid in his apartment until ordered to exit by Deputies who had surrounded his apartment.

Detective Morgan asked Suspect Hidalgo about the gun which was used to shoot at Victim [redacted]. Suspect Hidalgo stated he has had the gun at his residence for some time. Suspect Hidalgo stated Suspect Gonzalez is responsible for the gun but it is kept at his house because Suspect Gonzalez does not have a place to keep it. Suspect Hidalgo stated the chrome revolver is the only gun he has kept at his home for the gang.

Charles R. Gonzalez, Bkg. #1993887

Suspect Charles R. Gonzalez was interviewed by OSS Detectives Stacy B. Morgan, #[redacted] and Daniel R. Morris, #[redacted] on July 24, 2009, at Lakewood Station. The interview was digitally audio recorded. The narrative which follows is intended only as a synopsis of the OSS interview. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing Suspect Gonzalez' recorded interview.

Suspect Gonzalez admitted to being an 18th Street gang member with a moniker of "Daze." Detective Morgan asked Suspect Gonzalez to give us his version of what occurred. Suspect Gonzalez stated he was in the neighborhood and heard the gunshots but denied having any part in the incident. Detective Morgan told Suspect Gonzalez he was not being truthful and told him he (Morgan) knew he had a gun. Suspect Gonzalez became very upset and looked as if he was going to cry. He stated he wanted a lawyer. The interview was concluded.

Deandre Ozine Bridgeforth, 1993948

Suspect Bridgeforth was not present when Deputies Gonzalez and Espinosa fired their weapons at Suspect Hidalgo.

Suspect Bridgeforth was apprehended as a lookout at another location within the containment but was not charged with any crime by the District Attorney.

For further information regarding Suspect Bridgeforth's involvement in the initial crime, refer to Detective Morris' supplemental report included with this investigation.